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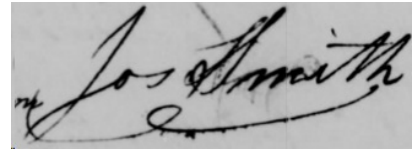
Bounty Land Claim for Joseph S. Smith BLWt2126-150
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United States of America.

Know ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I Joseph Smith of Taney Town [Taneytown] in the County of Frederick and State of Maryland do make, constitute, and appoint Clement Smith of George Town [Georgetown] District of Columbian, my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my Name to ask demand & receive from the Secretary of War or from such authority as may be competent to grant or issue the same, a Certificate or Warrant for such Lands as I may be entitled to from the United States for services rendered during the Revolutionary War as a Cornet of Dragoons in Armands [Charles Armand BLWt2291-850 (Marquis de la Rouerie] Partizan Legion with Power also an Attorney or Attornies, under him for that Purpose, to make and substitute, and do all lawful Acts requisite for effecting the Premises; hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said Attorney or his Substitute, or Substitutes, shall do therein by virtue hereof.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Twenty eighth Day of February in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and six.

Signed, sealed and Delivered in Presence of
[signed] John Cox Merchant George Town
Richard Smith Clk. Off. of D. & D. Wash'n.
[Notarized by Walter Smith]



Received 11th June 1806 of the Secretary of war, a Land warrant in favor of Joseph S. Smith for two hundred acres ["150" written above], No. 2126 & dated 28th day May 1789. [signed] C. Smith

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

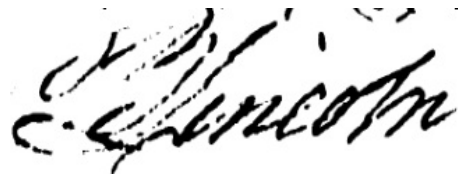
THE UNITED STATES of AMERICA IN Congress ASSEMBLED

To Joseph Smith Gentleman Greeting:

We Reposing especial trust and confidence in your patriotism; Valour; Conduct and Fidelity, DO by these presents constitute and appoint you to be a Cornet in the Partizan Legion commanded by Col. Armand in the [illegible] of the United States, to take rank as such from the first day of April 17[illegible]. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of a Cornet by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging. And we do Strictly charge and require all Officers and Soldiers under your command, to be obedient to your orders as Cornet And you are to observe and follow such orders and directions, from time to time, as you shall receive from this, or future Congress of the United States, or Committee of Congress for that purpose appointed, a Committee of the States, or Commander in chief for the time being of the Army of the United States, or any other you superior Officer; according to the rules and discipline of War, in pursuance of the trust reposed in you. This Commission to continue in force until revoked by this, or a future Congress, the Committee of Congress beforementioned, or a Committee of the States.

Witness. His Excellency John Hanson Esquire President of the Congress of the United States of America [5 Nov 1781 - 3 Nov 1782] at Philadelphia [illegible] the thirty first [illegible] year of our Independence. [signed] John Hanson

By Order of Congress
B Lincoln [Gen. Benjamin Lincoln] Secretary at War

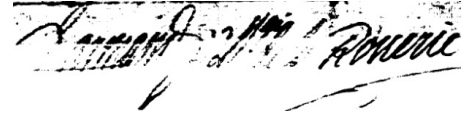


Yorktown in Pennsylvania this 25th April 1783

Sir It is with pleasure & justice that I acknowledge here the propriety of your conduct while you was an officer in the first partisan legion under my command. I regret that since you entered in it, the war ceasing to be active, there was no opportunity to distinguish your self as I am sensible you would have done before the Enemy [several illegible words] consolation to have been [undeciphered] in keeping good order & discipline amongst the men intrusted to your care & to have at all time [undeciphered word] & obtained the esteem & attachment of all the officers of the legion. I am in particular happy in this opportunity to Express those sentiments [undeciphered] and have the honor to be

Dr Sir your most ob'dt h'ble servante

Armand M'uis de la Rouerie



[undeciphered] Smith Cornet in the grenadir company in the first partisan Legion.

I am well Acquainted with Joseph S Smith and was so during the Revolutionary War. I know that he was a Commissioned Officer in Armands Legion and that he served faithfully untill the end of the Revolutionary War. If any Officer is entitled to the Bounty of his Country for services rendered I am sure Mr Smith is

Given under my hand this 11th day of February 1806. R Nelson [Roger Nelson]

Frederick County State of Maryland

On the fifth day of July 1822 Joseph S. Smith being of sound mind and Memory and of good Character personally appeared before me the underneath subscriber an Acting Justice of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid and being by me duly sworn according to Law Depoeth and saith that he was a Student of Physick with a Practiseing Physician in the Town of Charlotsville in Abbamarle County [sic: Charlottesville in Albemarle County] in the State of Virginia and some time in the latter part of the year 1779 or forepart of 1780 he joined the American Army and Obtained a Commission as Cornet in a Legion of Cavalry in the Continental line Commanded by Colo Armont And this Deponant further saith that he continued to serve as a Commissioned Officer in said Service untill the close of the war and Regularly Discharged which discharge [undeciphered] dated on the 25th day of Nov 1783. This Deponant further saith that he has never received his bounty in Lands from the State of Virginia of Which he was a Citizen Nor has he ever sold or transfered the same to any other person And further Prays that his bounty may now be allowed for said services and further this Deponant saith not Given under my hand. Thos Jones

On the application of Jno. A Smith who is represented to be the Son of Joseph Smith I Certify that it appears from the Records of this office that Joseph Smith a Cornet of Armand's Corps received final settlement Certificates for arrearages bearing Interest from 15 Nov 1783 and also Certificates for His Commutation bearing Interest from the same date.

Treasury Dept/ 3^d Aud Office

Nov 15 1831/ Peter Hagner Aud.

John A. Smith and others children and heirs of Joseph Smith deceased respectfully represent to the Governor and Council of Virginia that thier father was an officer in the Revolutionary Army and continued an officer until the war ended when he was regularly discharged, as will appear by the Certificate of P. Hagner Esq. herewith filed.

That he was commissioned in the first partizan Legion commanded by Col. Armand, and was a citizen of and resident of Albemarle County when he received his commission which will appear by the affidavit of said Joseph Smith all filed herewith.

They respectfully ask that the bounty land allowed by law to officers of their fathers grade may be given to them.

The act giving land bounty to Officers who served to the end of the war will be found in the revised Code of 1819 pate 378. Wm. Lambert Atty for the heirs of J. Smith

NOTES:

Joseph S. Smith appears to be the following in F. B. Heitman's *Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army During the War of the Revolution*: Smith, Joseph Sim. (Md.) Cornet 1st Battalion of Cavalry, Armand's Partisan Corps, 1780 to 1782. (Died — 1822.)

On 9 Sep 1837 J. Tyler of Frederick MD made a statement supporting the pension application of the widow of William Murdoch (W14488) that included the following believed to pertain to Joseph Sim Smith: "Leiut. Joseph Smith was an officer in Armonds Legion & was at Gates' defeat [Gen. Horatio Gates, Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] as Surgeon, but resigned or exchanged for a Lieutenancy in the line & was with Mr M— in Geo. Town at the time of my removal to that place; from which I am induced to be believe Mr M— was also in the army at Gates' defeat. Doctor Smith above refer'd to is dead and I think it probable you can get some information from Col. Walter Smith & Mr Clement Smith Pres't. of the T. & M. Bank."

The federal file includes a letter to the Pension Office dated 24 Sep 1934 requesting information about "Dr. Clement Smith, Alexander Lawson Smith [W4247], Dr Joseph Sim Smith, and Patrick Sim Smith, all of Maryland."